

Grants Available through OCC

**** These Grants are only available as funding allows and may be discontinued at any time.**

Name	Brief Description	Who's Eligible	Next Deadline	Duration	Program Specialist
Quality Improvement Grants	Funds to improve quality of care. May be used to eliminate health or safety hazards, to increase the level of training for caregivers or to purchase learning and activity equipment and materials.	All licensed and license exempt center, family & school age programs that have been in operation for at least one year.	September 14-28, 2004; January 11 – 25, 2005; May 10 – 24, 2005	1 year	Amie Huffman
Youth Connections Grants	Designed to help communities in Utah create safe, high quality programs for at risk elementary school youth (through age 12) during the times they are not in school. Proposals may be submitted for a) starting a new program, b) continuing a program serving low-income at-risk youth, or c) expanding an existing program that does not currently serve the target population to start an expanded program designed specifically for at-risk youth	Applicants who want to provide regular, formally organized services for elementary school age youth, generally grades 1 through 6, during their out-of-school time may apply. If the program is a “child care” program, it must become licensed and reach a minimum of Level 4 on the School Age Care Environment Rating Scale.	March 2006	3 years	Caroline Kueneman
Baby Steps Grants	The Baby Steps project provides child care centers with on-going annual grants. The primary goal of this project is to improve the quality of infant/toddler care gradually over time by asking programs to take “Baby Steps”. Other goals include: *Maintain or increase the number of infant/toddler “slots”. *Increase the number of caregivers trained to work specifically with infants and toddlers. *Avoid large cost increases for parents.	Licensed or license-exempt child care centers that offer full-time child care services for infants and/or toddlers less than 24 months of age.	June 2005	On-going	Colleen Fitzgerald

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Infant/Toddler Playground Grants	<p>Funds to increase the quality of outdoor play areas for infants and toddlers by: *encouraging the use of outdoor play areas by making them more attractive for the children and caregivers,</p> <p>*Providing experiences with the natural world, and</p> <p>*Creating opportunities to develop gross motor skills by using age appropriate climbing structures and portable materials.</p>	Licensed or license-exempt child care centers that offer full-time child care services for infants and/or toddlers less than 24 months of age.	<p>Not Continuing</p> <p><i>(Programs can apply for the QI playground improvement Grant)</i></p>	8 months	Colleen Fitzgerald
Start-Up & Expansion Grants	<p>Increase the availability and accessibility of quality infant toddler, early childhood, and before and after-school care for children of working families. Funding is to:</p> <p>*Begin new service in under-served areas as defined by OCC.</p> <p>*Build upon existing part-time/part-day programs to make them full day and full year in under-served areas, as defined by OCC.</p> <p>*Expand existing programs to provide summer care, school holiday and inter-session care, emergency care, sick child care or services during non-traditional hours (weekends and evenings).</p> <p>*Expand services through collaboration with another public or private entity.</p>	Centers and family providers (either becoming licensed for the first time, or expanding slots) who will provide care in under served areas as defined by OCC.	Not Continuing	3 years	Caroline Kueneman

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Accreditation Support Grants	Services must support national accreditation through either the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the National Child Care Association (NCCA), the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC), or the National AfterSchool Association (NAA).	Provider Associations who provide support for child care programs/providers to become nationally accredited	Negotiated annually	1 year	Caroline Kueneman
Utah Professional Provider Association Grants	OCC supports Provider Associations by providing funding for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trainings / Conferences ▪ Newsletters ▪ Special Projects 	Utah Provider Associations	Negotiated Annually	1 year	Caroline Kueneman

For information about any of these Grants, please contact our office at 801.526.4340 or 800.622.7390

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